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| <p>Overview: Just as there is the circulation of blood in the human body, so there is a circulation in the Body of Christ—a circulation that the New Testament calls fellowship; this fellowship is the reality of the church life. You were called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ. Through this fellowship, we become one. The experience of the cross deepens both the vertical and horizontal fellowship and enables us to know the life of the Body and live in the fellowship of the Body. The fellowship among the churches is the fellowship of the Body of Christ. Whenever we come to the Lord’s table every week, we come to practice the universal fellowship of the Body.</p> | <p>I. Just as there is the circulation of blood in the human body, so there is a circulation in the Body of Christ—a circulation that the New Testament calls fellowship; this fellowship is the reality of the church life: A. Fellowship is a common participation, a joint participation; thus, to have fellowship is to have a corporate participation in something. B. Fellowship is the issue of eternal life and is actually the flow of the eternal life within the believers. C. In order to have the unique fellowship, we must live by and behave in the divine life, not in our natural life. D. To have fellowship with the Triune God in the apostles’ fellowship is to put aside our private interests and join with the apostles and the Triune God for the carrying out of God’s purpose.]]</p> | <p>II. “God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord”: A. God has called us into the fellowship of His Son so that we may partake of Christ, participate in Him, and enjoy Him as our God-given portion. B. God has called us into the fellowship of, the participation in, the all-inclusive Christ; all believers should be focused on Him, not being distracted by any gifted person, any overstressed doctrine, or any particular practice. C. Christ Himself is the fellowship into which God has called us: 1. The fellowship of the all-inclusive Christ as our portion is nothing less than the living person of the all-inclusive Christ. 2. To be called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ is to be called into Him, for He Himself is the fellowship. 3. We have been called into this person and into His fellowship—called into Christ for our participation and enjoyment. 4. The fellowship in verse 9 is our participation in Christ; it is our enjoyment of Him and our preference for Him. D. The fellowship of Christ—a wonderful, excellent mutuality—is actually carried on by the Spirit; thus, in our experience the fellowship of the Son is the fellowship of the Spirit. E. Fellowship means that we and Christ have become one: 1. In our experience, being one spirit with the Lord follows being called by God into the fellowship of His Son.]] 2. We have been called into a oneness where we are one with Him and He is one with us. 3. The word joined in 6:17 is a synonym for fellowship in 1:9; the joining is actually the fellowship. 4. Whenever we are one spirit with the Lord, we are in the fellowship of Christ, and we experience Him as the all-inclusive One. F. Fellowship means that we enjoy Christ and all He is and that He enjoys us and all we are: 1. We have been called into a mutuality in which we enjoy what the Son of God is and He enjoys what we are. 2. This fellowship implies a wonderful, universal, mutual enjoyment—our enjoyment of the Triune God, the Triune God’s enjoyment of us, and the enjoyment that the believers have with one another.</p> |
| <p>III. Fellowship is related to oneness: A. The fellowship, the circulation, of the divine life in the Body brings all the members of the Body into oneness. B. This oneness is called the oneness of the Spirit; it is also the oneness of the Body. C. As long as we have the divine life flowing within us, we are in this oneness—the oneness of the Body, the oneness</p> | <p>IV. The experience of the cross deepens both the vertical and the horizontal fellowship and enables us to know the life of the Body and live in the fellowship of the Body: A. We need the experience of the cross to deepen our experience of the divine fellowship: 1. Without the cross, our fellowship is superficial; only the cross can remove the many obstacles to the divine fellowship and deepen our fellowship with the Lord and with one another. 2. Fellowship frees us from our sinful self through the cross; without the cross, there is no release, freedom, or liberty from the self and no genuine fellowship. 3. In Matthew 16:24 the Lord used the term his cross, indicating that there is a particular portion of the cross for each one of us in order to cross each one of us out: a. To bear the cross is to deny the self, to put the self to death, to apply the cross of Christ to the self all the time. b. We are easily offended by others because we are so sensitive about ourselves; if we did not have such a strong self, we would not be offended by others. c. If we have a strong self and are offended by everything and everyone, we cannot have real fellowship; in order for us to have horizontal fellowship, we need to deny ourselves. B. The experience of the cross brings us into the fellowship of the Body of Christ: 1. The cross deals with our flesh, self, and natural life so that we may know the life of the Body in reality. 2. If our flesh, self, and natural life are dealt with by the cross and if we submit to the headship of Christ and live the Body life, we will enjoy the fellowship of the Body.]] 3. Our relationship with the Head is that of obedience, whereas our relationship with the Body is</p> | <p>V. The fellowship among the churches is the fellowship of the Body of Christ: A. The Lord’s recovery is based upon the truth that Christ has only one Body, which is expressed as the local churches. B. Because there is one Spirit, there is only one Body, and there is only one circulation of life in the Body; this circulation is the fellowship of the Body of Christ.]] C. The fellowship of the Body of Christ is the circulation, the current, of the Spirit; when the Spirit is circulating within the Body of Christ, divinity, humanity, Christ’s person, Christ’s death, and Christ’s resurrection are all circulating. D. A local church is a part of the unique Body of Christ, and the fellowship of the Body is universally one; in fellowship there is no separation: 1. No church or region should isolate itself from the fellowship of the Body. 2. The result of a church or a region isolating itself from the fellowship of the Body of Christ is darkness, confusion, division, and death. E. Whenever we come to the Lord’s table, we come to practice the fellowship of the Body: 1. The Lord’s table is a testimony that we who belong to Christ are one:</p> |

among all the saints.

D . The unique fellowship is the genuine oneness of the Body of Christ as the unique ground for the believers to be kept one in Christ.】

that of fellowship: a. Fellowship implies the fact that we are limited and inadequate and that we are willing to accept what comes from others and take it as our own. b. Fellowship is to acknowledge that we need the Body. c. We can live in the Body and have fellowship in the Body only when our flesh, self, and natural life have been dealt with; otherwise, we will not see the importance of fellowship. d. God must bring us to the point where we cannot go on without fellowship. 4. Once the flesh, the self, and the natural life have been dealt with by the cross, we will know the life of the Body, we will see the importance of fellowship, and we will not be able to live apart from this fellowship.

a. We are one bread, one Body, because we all partake of the one bread. b. Our partaking of Christ constitutes us into His one Body.

2. If we isolate ourselves from the fellowship of the Body, we are not qualified to partake of the Lord's body, because the loaf on the table in the Lord's supper signifies the entire Body of Christ.

F. Among all the churches that compose the one universal Body of Christ, there is no organization, but there is the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

G. The divine fellowship is the reality of living in the Body of Christ.】

Day1: 1John1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

Day2: 1Cor.1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Day3: 1Cor.10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?

6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

Day4: Matt.16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Rom.6:6 Knowing this, that our old man has been crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be annulled, that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Gal.2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Day5: Rom.8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

12:5 So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Day6: 1Cor.12:12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

《Composition for prophecy》

Experience①: The Body of Christ has one circulation of life, the fellowship

The word fellowship is profound and very deep. I do not believe that any Christian teacher or expositor of the Bible can exhaust the meaning of this word. Fellowship does not merely mean that there is communication between you and someone else; it also denotes participation in that one. Furthermore, it means that we and Christ have become one. It also means that we enjoy Christ and all He is, and that He enjoys us and what we are. As a result, there is not only a mutual communication, but a mutuality in every way. All that Christ is becomes ours, and all that we are becomes His. We all have been called by God into such a mutuality between us and the Son of God.

Fellowship is related to oneness. Just as the circulation of blood in the human body causes all the members of the body to be one, so the fellowship of the divine life in the Body of Christ causes the Body to be one....This divine life has a circulation; that is, the divine life circulates within all of us. This circulation of the divine life in the Body brings all the members of the Body into oneness. This oneness is called the oneness of the Spirit; it is also the oneness of the Body. As long as we have the divine life flowing within us, we are in this oneness, the oneness of the Body, the oneness among all the saints.

For Junior/Senior High Students

As there is a circulation of blood in the human body, the Body of Christ also has one circulation. We call that circulation a fellowship. This fellowship is the reality of the church life. "God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor 1:9).

You should have a fellowship with the Lord Jesus and with brothers and sisters, so that the life can flow in the fellowship as the blood circulates in the body. A life of the human body is in the circulation of blood. In the same manner, in the Body of Christ is the blood circulation called the fellowship. If you don't feel this blood circulation, a flow of the fellowship of the life in you, then you can recover your fellowship of the life by confessing your sins, defects, weakness and unbelief.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin. 8 If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confess your sins enlightened in the fellowship to maintain circulation of the spiritual blood. In the church life, your stepping forward is not only by your struggle. As an example, you need to put a good effort on your study. If you are among the fellowship with brothers and sisters around, you have a rich supply in such fellowship, so you can work hard to study together with the Lord's grace. If you study in this way, your strength will be uplifted and your weakness will be overcome gradually. Let's say, you are good at mathematics but not good at English, and your weak English has not been improved for a while. This may relate to your preferences. In the fellowship of the life of the Lord, there are effect of the cross killing your preferences and supply of necessary energy such as endurance and understanding. A blood circulation can supply you oxygen and nutrition you need and remove unnecessary carbon dioxide and waste products. May you have blessings by doing everything of your school life including college exam preparation in the fellowship of life.

Experience②: Learn to become healthy functioning members of the Body of Christ

Much of our criticism of others is because we are too sensitive to ourselves and too conscious of ourselves. If we did not have such a strong self, we would not be offended by others. Many times, we criticize others because we have been offended. We are offended because we are so sensitive to ourselves. We expect everyone to treat us right according to our opinion. If someone does not treat us right according to our opinion, we are offended. Then, sooner or later, criticism will come out of our mouth.

We need the experience of the cross to deepen our experience of the divine fellowship. If our natural life is not dealt with, we cannot have any fellowship. We live in the Body and have fellowship only when the natural life is dealt with.

Those who truly know the Body of Christ are freed from individualism spontaneously. They do not trust in themselves, and they realize that they are very weak. They fellowship with all the children of God. God must bring us to the point where we cannot go on without fellowship. God will show us that what is impossible with individuals is possible when it is done in fellowship.

If we truly see the life of the Body, we will see that there is restriction in the house of God, and will not move freely. At the same time, if we have the life of the Body, we will spontaneously fellowship with other children of God, and we will treasure this fellowship and not feel that it is a burden to us. If God's children do not know the meaning of God's house, they will not be able to fellowship with God's other children. Whoever cannot honor the other brothers and cannot render them their due respect, praise, and position has not seen the house of God. If our natural life has been dealt with, and if we know what the life of the Body means, we will learn to treasure the other brothers and to touch life and receive help in the meetings.

For young working saints

Learn to become a healthy functioning member in the Body of Christ. For that, it is necessary for you to be saved from the bias such as your peculiarity and preference of choice. For example, you are a very nervous person and extremely fear of being blamed by others. As a result, "not to fail" becomes your goal as your way of work. However, this way of doing work prevents you from becoming successful in business life. Because business success depends on whether or not you can capture and hit the critical issues and whether or not to fail in minor points is an ancillary problem. Generally speaking, Japanese people have this kind of tendency, which is a major cause of failure for current Japanese business.

Also, you need to be delivered from individualism. The peculiarity is not only restricting your ability, but the individualism is also hindering your ability and success. For the individualist, the reason for a project to success is mainly because of himself. If failed, he would think the main reason is in the others. This kind of person lacks in the ability to see things objectively and lacks the respects for others.

If you can learn to collaborate and be saved from peculiarity and individualism in the church life, you can work together with your project members properly in your company. We can see that learning to serve in the church life can enhance an important competency (skills and attributes for success) for the success of your business life. Hallelujah! The church life can enrich your humanity and can uplift various abilities for your success.

#533 祈り—その意義

1. とわのいのち、まじわりを、
霊のまじわり、霊もたらず。
2. 神聖ないのち、分与されて、
主の霊わが霊、ともに生く。
3. 交流もたらず、霊のいのち、
めぐみ得さず、霊の交りゆう。
4. いのちの大能、交流得させ、
霊の交流には、ひかりあり。
5. 血のきよめは、交流たもち、
内面のあぶら、交流得さす。
6. 十字架通して、交流ふかめ、
霊の運行にて、交流、更新す。
7. 交流にてわれ、自由はなれ、
交流にてわれ、かみに入る。

#533 里面生命的各方面—生命的交通

1. 永远生命带来，生命的交通；
在灵里的交通，使灵来推动。
2. 永远生命赐给，神圣的交通；
如此主灵与我，灵里同行动。
3. 乃是灵里生命，带来这交通；
在灵里的交通，使我蒙恩宠。
4. 藉着生命大能，能正确交通；
在灵里的交通，带我到光中。
5. 藉血外面洗净，交通得维持；
藉膏里面涂抹，交通能充实。
6. 藉着十架工作，交通得加深；
藉着圣灵运行，交通得更新。
7. 这一生命交通，使我脱自己；
这一生命交通，带我进神里。

Hymns,#737

Various Aspects of the Inner Life

- The Fellowship of Life

1. Life eternal brings us Fellowship of life,
Fellowship in Spirit, Saving us from strife.
2. Life eternal give us Fellowship divine;
Thus the Lord as Spirit May with us combine.
3. It is life in Spirit Brings this fellowship;
Fellowship in Spirit Doth with grace equip.
4. We, by life's enabling, Fellowship aright;
Fellowship in Spirit Brings us into light.
5. By the outward cleansing, Fellowship we
keep;
Inwardly anointed, Fellowship we reap.
6. Fellowship is deepened Thru the cross of
death;
Fellowship is lifted By the Spirit's breath.
7. Fellowship will free us From our sinful self;
Fellowship will bring us Into God Himself.

補充本 310

過去二十世紀とおし、千万の貴ちょうないのち、
こころのたから、高貴な地位、
かがやかしい前途、
主-イエ-スに、「無駄づ-かい」されてきた。
主を愛すものに、主は愛らしく、
すべてさ-さぐ、さぐにふさわしいかた。
主にそそいだのは、無駄でない、
香-ばしいあかし、甘き主 あかしす
主にそそいだのは、無駄でない、
香-ばしいあかし、甘き主 あかしす

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已过二十世纪以来，千千万万宝贵的性命，
心爱的奇珍、崇高的地位
以及灿烂的前途，
都曾“枉费”在主耶稣身上。
对这些爱主的人，祂是全然可爱，
祂是全然可爱，配得我们献上一切。
我们浇在主身上的 不是枉费，
乃是馨香的见证，见证祂的甘甜。
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